Involvement of foreign nationals in terrorist activities

4878. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign nationals found involved in terrorist activities in Janunu and Kashmir during 2002 and the current year;

(b) the number of Pakistani Nationals out of them;

(c) the number of foreign terrorists killed and arrested in the State during the said period; and

(d) the action taken against those arrested terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) As informed by the State Government during the year 2002, 508 foreign terrorists were killed, out of which, 447 were Pak/PoK nationals and the remaining 61 were reported from other countries.

Similarly during the same period, 9 terrorists were arrested, all of whom were Pak/PoK nationals.

During the current year till end of March 2003, 86 foreign terrorists were killed in various encounters, out of whom, 83 were Pak/PoK nationals.

(d) Cases under relevant provision of law have been registered by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir against the arrested terrorists.

Pakistani intruders in Gujarat

4879. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) since last three months in Gujarat in Rann of Kutch how many Pakistani intruders were encountered;

(b) whether it is a fact that Ajij Jumma, Pakistani was encountered in Khavda Village, Kutch District staying in one of the civilians residence; and

(c) what steps Government of India are taking to stop the Pakistani intruders entering in Rann of Kutch in Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I .D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) On 17th March, 2003, a Pakistani national namely Abdul Aziz, S/o Mohd. Jumma, was apprehended by the Border Security Force near the Vigokot Post in Taluka Khavda, Distt. Kutch of Gujarat. He was not staying in any civilian residence when he was apprehended.

(c) Government has adopted a well-coordinated and multi-pronged approach for preventing Pakistani intruders entering into the Rann of Kutch

area in Gujarat, which includes fencing of the international Border, deployment of floating Border Outposts in the creek areas, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between different agencies of the Centre and the State Government, modernization and upgradation of Police and Security Forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system, etc. Also, there are standing instructions to the State Government to detect and deport illegal migrants from the country.

Handling of cases involved in Drugs and Narcotics

4880. SHRI SURESH KALMADI :

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) apart from the Police which other agency handles cases involved in Drugs and Narcotics professionally on larger scale;

(b) whether the same agency also handles smuggling of Drugs and Narcotics through water channels; and

(c) if so, the level of involvement of the Coast Guard in cases of smuggling through water channels ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) The officers of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), Customs, Central Excise, Revenue Intelligence, Central Economic Intelligence Bureau, have been empowered by the Central Government under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act) to handle cases involving Drugs and Narcotics.

The Act also provides for the State Governments to empower various officers of Revenue, Drug Control, Excise, Police or any other department of the State Government for the purpose.

Under the Customs Act, 1962, certain officers of the State Governments and paramilitary organizations (*i.e.*, CRPF in the State of Tripura, BSF, ITBP) and that of Coast Guard have been designated as officers of Customs and therefore, are empowered under the NDPS Act for interdiction of narcotic drugs being smuggled.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Coast Guard units are actively deployed for anti-smuggling operations based on intelligence inputs from Narcotics Control Bureau/Department of Revenue Intelligence/Customs. These units are tasked for anti-smuggling patrol in Maritime zones outside baseline, inside creeks and channels and upto contiguous zone.